

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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zation to hold wrestling events at the farm center. He said the show presented by his company is a family-based promotion. He also assured commissioners his company would pay for any damages that might occur, however, he said there had never been any trouble in the past with his event.

Commissioners had tabled the issue to allow time to get references from other venues.

During Monday's meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley said the only other place he found to be familiar with the company was the Houston County Farm Center. He said officials from Houston County said the company left owing money and still had not paid, as of last week, for destruction of tables and chairs.

"I would recommend you not allow them to use the farm center," Mobley said. "This is the same type problem we've had in the past."

Commissioners unanimously voted to reject Lawson application for use of the farm center.

In other business, commissioners:

\* Approved a motion giving county engineer Randy Tindell permission to purchase a used steel wheel roller off the state surplus lot for \$16,800.

\* Approved five appointments to the Coffee County Water Authority board including: Mack Westbrook, representing District One; Hayward Meek, representing District Four; Mix Andrews, representing District Five; Donnie

Hussey, representing District Six; and Hubert L. Martin, representing District Seven.

\* Approved a motion awarding a bid to Freightliner of Southern Alabama for the purchase of a Ready-Built Roll-Off Truck for \$108,825. Also approved a bid for Roll-Off Containers from Florida Can at \$2,200 for 10 yd and \$3,990 for 40 yd, and approved a bid for Roll-Off Containers from RUDCO South at \$2,955 for 20 yd and \$3,155 for 30 yd. Commissioners rejected all bids a Roll-Off Hauler.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

## IRS has \$24M for Alabamians who have not filed 2001 tax returns

Unclaimed refunds totaling more than \$24 million are awaiting about 26,700 Alabamians who failed to file an income tax return for 2001, the Internal Revenue Service announced today. However, in order to collect the money, a return must be filed with the IRS no later than April 15, 2005.

The IRS estimates that half of those who could claim refunds would receive more than \$459. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages or made payments against their taxes out of self-employed earnings but had too little income to require filing a tax return.

"The window is closing for 2001 refunds," IRS spokesman Dan Boone said. "As soon as you send us your tax return, you'll get your money. But if you don't file, you won't get anything."

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity to claim a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. For 2001 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2005. The law requires that the return be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date. There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 2001 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 2002 or 2003. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

Some of these taxpayers may also be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit. Generally, individuals qualified for the EITC in 2001 if they earned less than \$32,121 and had two or more qualifying children living with them, earned less than \$28,281 with one qualifying child or earned less than \$10,710 with no qualifying child.

Current and prior year tax forms are available on the IRS Web site ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Taxpayers who need help may also call the IRS help line at 1-800-829-1040.

Local offices of the National Association of Realtors are distributing copies of the guide to new homeowners in closing day materials and the Homeownership Alliance is providing Habitat for Humanity International with copies for its new homeowners.

The guide is also available online at <http://www.homeownershipalliance.com> or at [www.aees.edu/ed/](http://www.aees.edu/ed/).

The Homeownership Alliance is a coalition of more than 15 organizations committed to ensuring support for the American housing system.

"We understand what they're (department of transportation officials) doing, but we want them to understand what we want and need," said Cole. "We need 84."

Holley said he shared the desire to open Hwy. 84 as much as possible adhering to specific federal guidelines, and he said DOT officials continue to look at the plan and make changes.

He said he believes the current road plan will have six entrances off the bypass leading into the downtown area of New Brockton, and each and every one of the entrances will have signs pointing to that area. Also, he said the Shiloh end of the road was changed just last week from a stop sign to a yield intersection.

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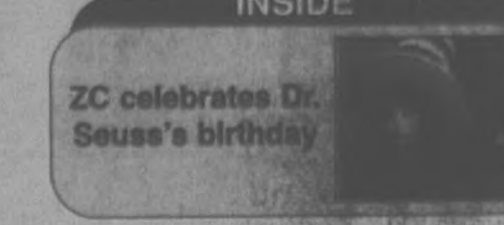
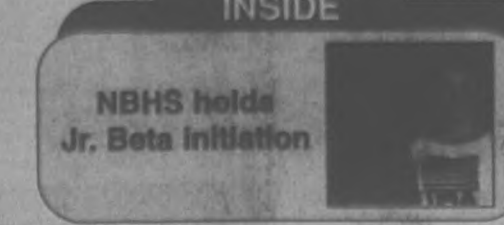
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Second Town Hall Meeting planned for Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

## New Brockton holds Town Hall meeting with Sen. Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton officials and citizens continued their battle Monday afternoon, March 7, to keep Highway 84 open as an alternate route by holding a Town Hall Meeting with Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

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Alma Haynes wondered if Holley and Spicer could find out exactly when the plan changed. "Going back to find out when the change took place won't help us," Mayor Cole insisted. "We're concerned about now and what we can do to keep the road open."

Ted Fillingim, transportation supervisor for the Coffee County School System, said his main concern is transporting students. He said it is going to be dangerous every time a bus driver has to stop and cross lanes.

"All I'm asking you to do to help us is to continue to have that existing road open," resident Jim Driskell said.

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Mayor Charles Cole (standing) and Rep. Terry Spicer (seated, right) listen as Senator Jimmy Holley (center) speaks during the Town Hall meeting held Monday afternoon, March 7, at the New Brockton Senior Citizens center. A large crowd of citizens attending the meeting to express concerns regarding the current Hwy. 84 project plan. Before concluding Monday's meeting, everyone agreed to a second meeting next Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m., at the senior center. Holley and Spicer said they would ask the Department of Transportation to have a representative(s) at that meeting.

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## Drawings approved for New Brockton's downtown sidewalk paving project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although no official action has been taken, the New Brockton Town Council moved one step closer Monday evening, March 7, during the

monthly council meeting to resolving questions regarding Trudy Street.

"I for one didn't know where Trudy Street was until today," Mayor Charles Cole said.

The mayor said he thought he had driven the road one day last week only to find out he wasn't even on the right road.

However, he said a group of officials looked at the road Monday afternoon and all now have a better understanding of the condition of the road.

Trudy Street currently divides property of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church, and Rev. Mike Medley recently asked the council to define the exact right-of-way and flow of traffic of the road. The church hoping to build a new facility on it's property and needs the questions regarding Trudy Street answered.

"Now we can look more closely at what we need to do now that we know exactly where it's (Trudy Street) at," Cole said.

He suggested the council work closely with Medley to find the best solution for everyone involved.

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# CHURCH NEWS



**COOKING ON A WOOD-BURNING STOVE** is one of the many turn-of-the-century farm activities that will be demonstrated at Landmark Park in Dothan on Saturday, March 19 during the park's annual "Spring Farm Day". Pictured is park volunteer Virginia Denney of Dothan. Activities get underway at 10 a.m. and will include music, food, children's activities, a quilt show, arts and crafts, an Old-Time Fiddlers Convention and more. "Spring Farm Day" is presented by CenturyTel and sponsored by MidSouth Bank, the Houston County Farmers Federation, County 96.9 and New Country 95.5. For more information, contact the park office at 334-794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkpark.com](http://www.landmarkpark.com).

## Mt. Vernon Assembly of God to host Benefit Singing Saturday, March 19th

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God will be hosting a benefit gospel singing for Mike and Brenda Nelson, March 19, 2005 at 7 p.m. The featured singers will be Missions Chapter of Enterprise.

## Benefit Sing to be held at Samson First Assembly of God

Samson First Assembly of God is hosting a Benefit Sing for Weeks Memorial Assembly of God. This event will be featuring all local groups Friday, March 18, 2005 at 7 p.m. Samson First Assembly of God is located at 113 South

homecoming services planned for March 13th at Faith Assembly of God

The Faith Assembly of God Church will have homecoming services, Sunday, March 13th. Rev. Vaudie Lambert will be the guest speaker in the morning service at 11 a.m. Rev. Lambert serves as Superintendent of the Alabama District from 1977-1999.

Lunch will be served after the Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing March 12

Calvary Baptist Church, located on highway 189 north, will host a Gospel Singing, Saturday night, March 12 at 7 p.m. The featured singers will be The Hareless Family from Florida, Ala.

Ala. and The Lighthouse Gospel Singers from Banks, Ala. The pastor is Ray Layton. The church is located on County Road 330 and everyone is invited.

The church is located at 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Ala. For more information, call 393-6620 or 894-6371.

There will be a Benefit Singing at Tarantum Community Center March 12, beginning at 4 p.m. Featured singers will be Larry and Lenora Senn, featuring "The Grandgirls" from Brundidge, and The Smiths of Troy.

There will also be a cake auction and miscellaneous auction. Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds will go to Perdue Assembly of God Church for new carpet and pews. Everyone is invited.

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THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU

Corine Wilkerson, Jason Gulley, Brenda Williams, Mary A. Hooks, Sherry Rogers, Mattie Rogers, Rev. John Grayer, Lovie Hooks, C.W. Williams

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Charles T. Jordan Jr.-March 8  
Deborah Siler-March 8  
Rico Cooks-March 8  
Keith & Sunny Ellison-March 9 (W.A.)  
Glady Wright-March 9  
Minnie Daniels-March 11  
Yasmine Yelverton-March 11  
Jerry McMillan-March 12  
Milton Hooks-March 12  
Timothy Tillis-March 13

## THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT LAWYERS' CONVENTION

will meet at The Mulberry Baptist District Association Building in Elba March 18, at 6:00 p.m. & March 19, at 9:00 a.m. The theme will be Dedicated to God. The moderator will be Rev. W. L. Peterson and the president is Bro. J.L. Williams.

## Elba Church of God to have Barbecue Saturday, March 12th

The Elba Church of God is having a barbecue Saturday on March 12th. Serving will start at 11 a.m. The proceeds go to the

Country Cathedral Gospel Singing will be March 12th

A Gospel concert will be held March 12, Saturday at Country Cathedral located on U.S. Hwy 84 east of Opp. It will be featuring gospel in song artist: Soloist Robert Williamson and

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Ron Stallard - Pastor  
Elba Church of God

## Common Ground.....

This is the time of year we focus on the resurrection of Jesus. We know we serve a Divine Jesus who was not found in His tomb on Easter morning. He changed our world forever. God's great sacrifice - Jesus - made it possible for all of us to receive salvation. We cannot find this salvation on our own power. We must receive Jesus. Many denominations worship Him in their own way. We find much common ground. The Bible is a Christian's road map to life. The Old Testament tells us the history of the world and God's people. It also points the way of the coming of Jesus Christ. The New Testament tells of His Life, death and resurrection. The New Testament also gives us truth and the way of our churches and our Christian life.

I used to think there was only one way for all of us to find common ground; now I find myself thinking of a better way to say Christians can unite and be as one. I still believe the Bible is the true Word of God and without flaw. I believe every word from Genesis to Revelation. I can't get beyond the fact that the love Jesus imparts in Christians is the most common ground of all. He makes it plain we must forgive one another or we will not be forgiven.

Matt. 6:14-15 - "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Forgiveness is what Jesus is all about. I am against living a sinful life. I also believe we all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. Jesus gives us the perfect example of forgiveness. He looked down from the cross after receiving the worst beating imaginable, and forgave those who nailed Him there.

Sometimes it seems impossible to forgive people; give it to Jesus. If it becomes a mountain too high to climb, give it to the Lord. He has enough love to cover all of our weaknesses. Matt. 19:26 - "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

This Easter keep in mind why Jesus paid such a terrible price. Receive the Love of the Lord and love one another. Don't be so quick to judge. Salvation is yours for the asking. Let go of ungraciousness, love one another. This will give us common ground as Christians.

## Ushers and Women of Allen of Johns Chapel AME to host Prayer Breakfast

The Ushers and Women of Allen of Johns Chapel AME Church will host a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church's dining hall.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Angela Seals, Principal of Coppinville Junior High School in Enterprise. She will discuss the theme, "Let us Pray and Breathe Together."

## Derek Snellgrove to be in concert at Elba Church of God

The Elba Church of God is having Derek Snellgrove and soon to be wife Talieha at their church Sunday night, the 13th. This unannounced couple will minister in song and word. Join them in blessing and fellowship.

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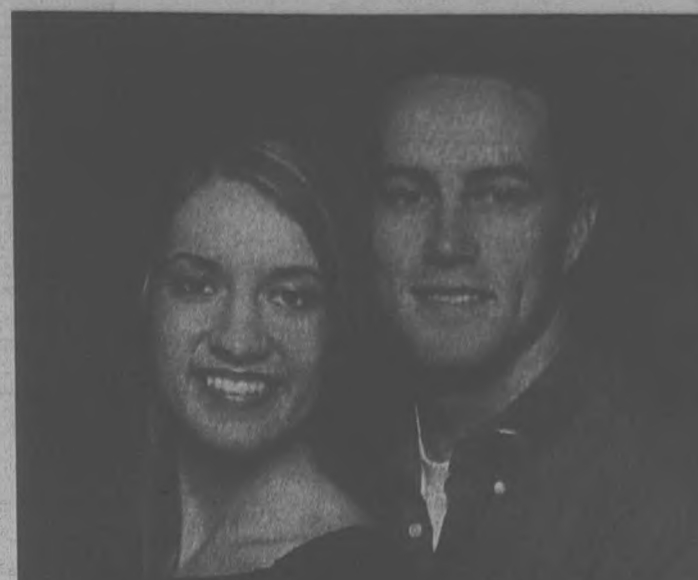
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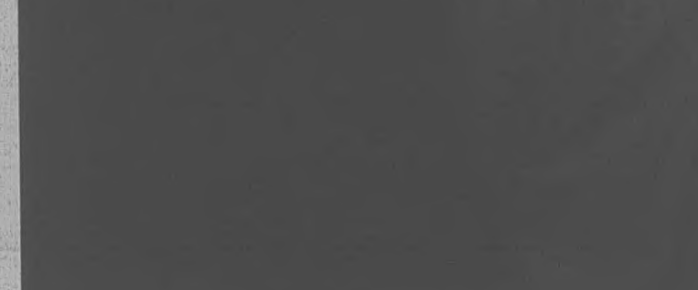
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# LIFESTYLES

## Miss Mayberry and Mr. Stinson to be united in marriage June 11



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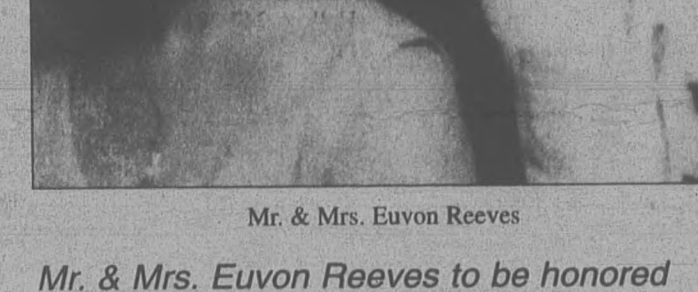
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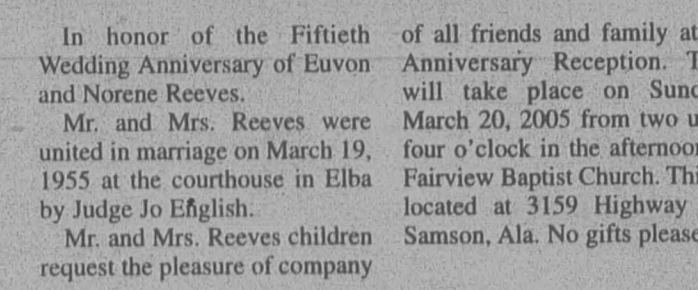
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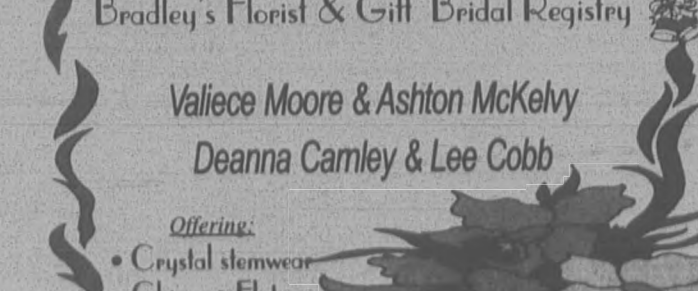
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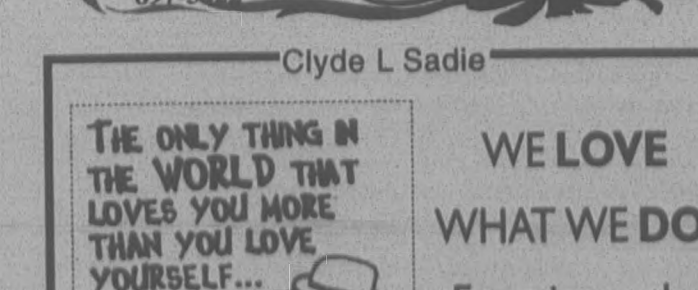
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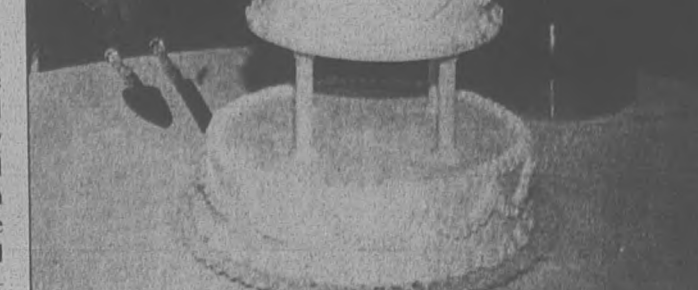
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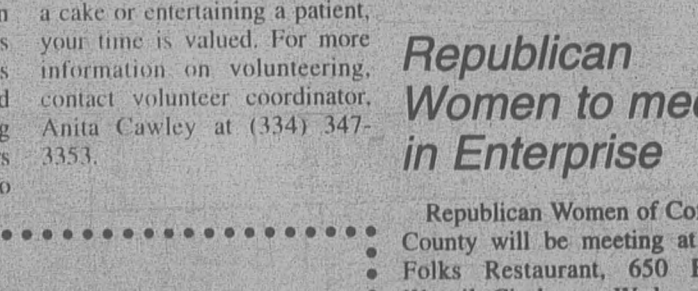
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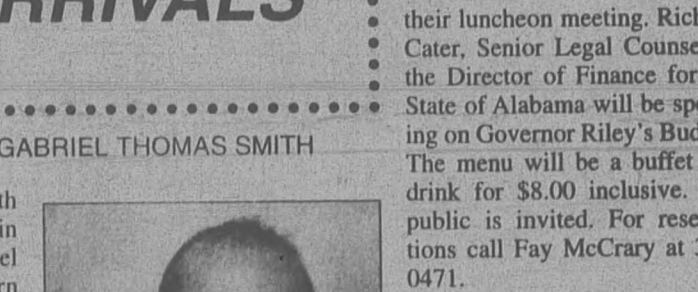
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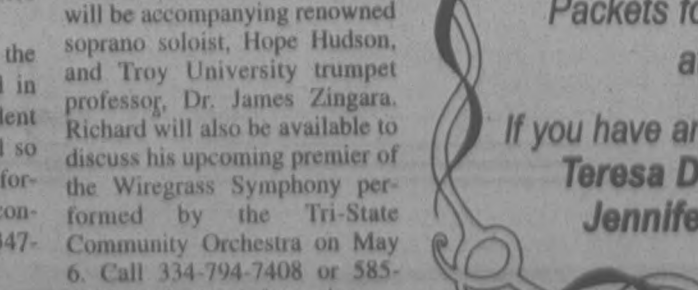
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## Choral Masterwork Festival Concert set for March 11

Troy University's annual Choral Masterwork Festival is scheduled for March 11 at 8 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater on Troy's campus.

Troy University Collegiate Singers and Chamber Choir under Conductor and Festival Director Paul MacGibbie will serve as hosts for the event, which will feature selections from Requiem by French composer Gabriel Faure and the Five Mystical Songs by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Guest choirs include the Shelton State Singers, Wallace State Singers, and the Bainbridge College Singers.

Guest soloists for the event are Michelle Lott, a soprano from Montgomery, and Chris O'Rear, a baritone from Montgomery. They are an adjunct instructor of voice at TROY.

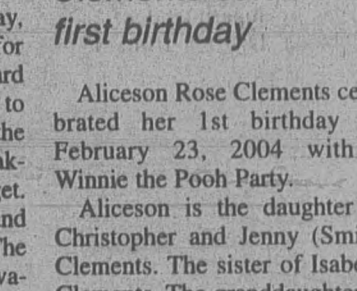
Tickets can be purchased at \$10 for adults, \$5 for students or \$2 each for a student group of 10 or more. Tickets can be ordered from the Troy University Box Office, 670-3773, or bought at the door.



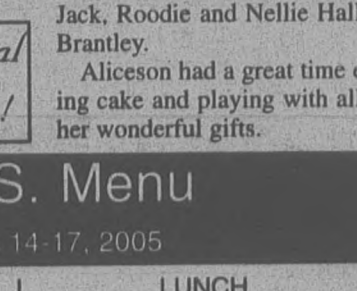
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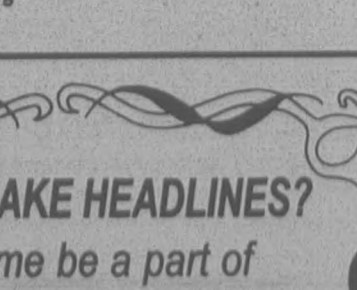
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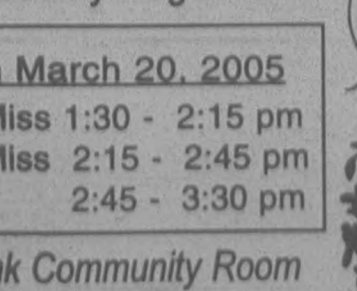
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## Boutwell's honored with 50th wedding anniversary celebration

On Sunday February 13, 2005 Bobby and Lanette Boutwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Moseley's Studio in Elba.

Numerous family and friends stopped by to convey their congratulations and best wishes.

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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
Kayla Kelley

## E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Kristi Spinks

This week's Student Spotlight is Miss Shanika Sharai Pruitt. Shanika is the 13-year-old daughter of Dianne Coleman and is in the eighth grade. She's a very active student at EHS and is involved in basketball, FBLA, FCCLA and FFA. When Shanika is not at school, she enjoys drawing, talking on the phone and staying with her friends. She also considers herself to be a nice, funny, crazy and an outgoing kind of girl.

After high school she plans on going to college to become a pediatric nurse. Congratulations, Shanika, for being this week's Student Spotlight! Keep up the good work!

Elba High School hopes to raise money for "Pennies for Patients"

by Kayla Kelley

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is conducting its 11th Annual "Pennies for Patients" campaign for three weeks in schools all over Alabama, including Elba High School.

Key Club spaghetti dinner a success

by Kayla Kelley

The Elba High School Key Club held a dinner and movie night on February 17, 2005. The overall night was a great success. Attendees were served, as royalty would be, their spaghetti plates and popcorn. The night also brought many laughs with the movie Long, Long Trailing Lucille Ball. Tickets were sold for \$7 and with each Key Club member's help, the club raised a total of approximately \$400. All profit from the night will go to aid in the tsunami relief fund. The Key Club would like to thank anyone who helped coordinate and bring together the occasion.

## Senior Beta club sponsors student vs. faculty basketball game

by Duke Carr

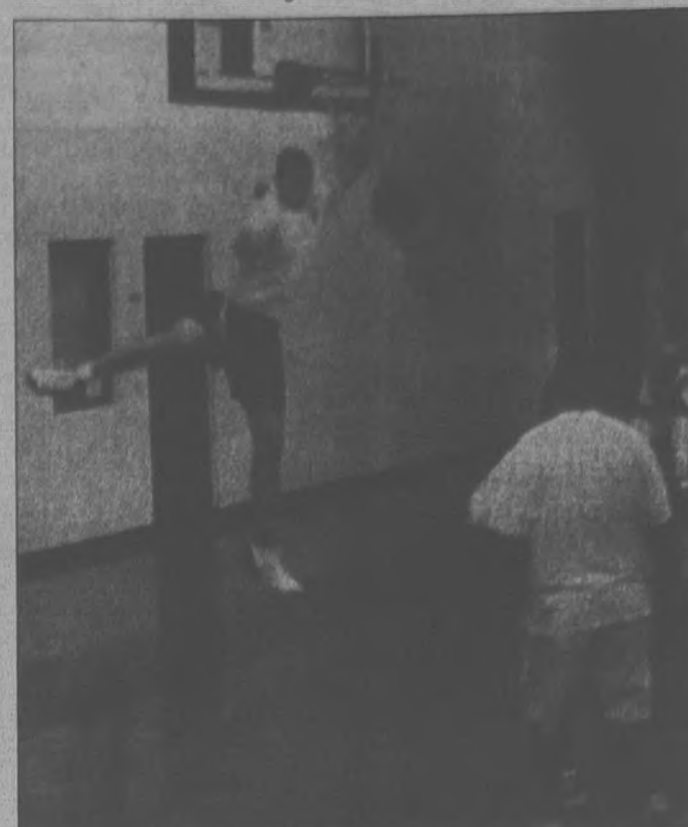
Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. It is a defective gene that causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections.

Every year, the Senior Beta Club at Elba High School sponsors a basketball game as a way to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

This year's game was held on February 17, 2005. It was played between the senior boys and the faculty as a charity raising event for the Senior Beta Club.

Each Senior Beta member had a certain task to carry out during the course of the game. Although the senior boys came up just a little short, the game turned out to be a great success raising \$500 for the disease.

Thanks to all of those that made this year's game such a great success.



Coach Leroy Carnley is shown displaying his talent for the game of basketball. He helped lead the faculty team to victory.

## Support Elba's varsity and jr. varsity baseball/softball teams

by Stephanie Corder

The baseball/softball season has officially started. With games at home and on the road, these Elba High School teams need all the support they can get.

So please take the time to come out and support our Tigers.

Good luck to all the teams!

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Elizabeth Weeks



PIC OF THE WEEK (by Judson Vaughan). Is third grade that stressful?

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is on Mr. Cornelius Wright. He is the 17-year-old son of Betty and Willie Wright.

Cornelius has been employed at Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc. for eight months doing his job of retail packing. Cornelius participates in VICA at EHS and after graduation plans on attending Auburn University to major in mechanical engineering.

Congratulations on being this week's Co-Op Spotlight!

## Did You Know?...

by Jennifer Grisset

The first Elba yearbook was in 1949.

The first Elba homecoming was in 1951.

The first graduating class at Elba was in 1902.

First integrated graduating class was in 1966.

First Elba High School was burned in 1947.

Elba band room was built in 1980.

Elba featured in first commercial in 1999.

First Marching Tiger Band was in 1941.

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

## Senior basketball girls make a mark

by Maressa Loman  
and Yameka Hall

With our basketball season at its close and our uniforms hand-

ed in, the emotions are flowing heavy, especially for the seniors. As we look back on our last year, we see that we will now be considered as a former "New Brockton Lady Gamecock."

We ask ourselves, "Have we accomplished everything we've hoped to accomplish our senior year? Do you think you've left your mark at New Brockton?"

I, Maressa Loman, am able to say yes to those questions. I've been able to set goals for my basketball career and I've accomplished what some people thought that I wouldn't be able to accomplish. As far as playing my last basketball game for New Brockton High School, it's

a hard concept to grasp even now that it's over, and it breaks my heart. I've been playing basketball for six long wonderful years, and having to give it up to go on to bigger and better things is now my challenge. Good to Gamecocks!

I, Yameka Hall, can honestly say that I am going to miss the game of basketball at New Brockton High. I've played basketball for five years and for those five years I've been the starting point guard. While playing as the point guard I've learned a leadership role and now I leave my mark and I pass my abilities onto the next New Brockton Lady Gamecock point guard, Gamecock Pride.

As you can see, there have been no regrets from this season. The Lady Gamecocks have not only grown closer as a family but they've been able to accomplish things together that no one would have thought possible. As seniors, we all look back on these experiences and we cherish them, have before.

To the Lady Gamecock Seniors of 2005, Yameka and myself would like to give you our sincerest thank you!

Go Gamecocks!!



Maressa Loman



Yameka Hall



These pictures are from the recent Jr. Beta initiation and induction ceremony at New Brockton High School. During the initiation, students had to dress like a teacher.

Top: Students participating in informal Jr. Beta initiation.

Middle: Brittany Whitehead dresses like teacher Mrs. Hall.

Bottom: L-R Miranda Williams, Beth Vaughan, Robbin Bundy, and Ashley Anderson.

## Teachers who care

by Lori Wade

Teachers. Good ones. Bad ones. It's a subject that ways heavily on every student's mind, and a very common topic of conversation.

My personal opinion of a good teacher is someone that shows that they care. It's nice to know that if I'm having problems at home, I can come to school and talk to a teacher about it. When I look at certain teachers, I see a confidant, not just a teacher.

Some students think that just because a teacher gets on to them, that teacher doesn't care. That's not necessarily true. Even though we hate to admit it, there are times that we students need a good kick in the butt. We may not agree with the tactics that they use to get their point across, but we have to have faith that our good teachers know the time, place, and manner in which to give us that push.

A good quality for a teacher is consistency. Making sure that all students follow the rules is very important, not just for one student or group of students.

Unfortunately, there are bad teachers. There are bad teachers that are just here for a job and have no clue how to interact with students. Sadly for them, those teachers do not contribute to the well-being of students or the school, and they will reap no rewards for their career.

It's usually pretty obvious who is here for the students and who isn't. Sometimes it's nice to hear from a teacher, "I noticed you have been absent lately. Are you ok?" It's also nice to go to a class and feel comfortable there. Teachers shouldn't make the student fear them, but understand them. Discipline is a good thing, but when teachers take the time to get to know us, they know what we need when we need it.

I also think that good teacher is willing to make a fool of him or herself for us. Whether it's for school spirit at homecoming, or in class so that we're interested and want to learn more, we appreciate teachers who are willing to put themselves on the line for us, and thankfully we have some of those at NBHS.

## How important is driving?

by Stephanie Harold

If you are considering dropping out of school, consider this. If you quit school and don't go to a GED class your driver's license will be suspended.

Getting our drivers license is one of the most important things that happens to us. It's a privilege we dream about all our lives. Even a short period of time after having it, every aspect of our lives depends on our freedom to drive, so imagine the complications of not having any

way to get around all of a sudden. I don't think I could depend on someone else to drive me to the places I have to go. It could affect my job, my family, and my social life. Of course, if you don't have a high school diploma you're not going to have any kind of life anyway.

Next time you think about dropping out of school, and you just don't think you can take it anymore, just imagine having the education and non-existent privileges that someone fifteen years old or younger has.

## Tattoos and Piercings - fad or expression of individuality

by Valerie Mahan

Everyday, either walking the halls of New Brockton High School or just walking through the grocery store, you pass someone with either a tattoo or a body piercing. Do you ever wonder why in the world someone would want ink injected into their skin or a hole poked through their body?

There are those "innocent" piercing such as ear piercing, and then there are piercing in other less common parts of the body. To many people there is a limit on tattoos. Too many tattoos may begin to look tacky.

You should also take precautions when getting tattoo or a piercing. After getting "ink done" you are most likely going to bleed and swell. Piercing will also be sore and tender.

After evaluating many students at NBHS, many say that

their new tattoo does not hurt. However the ones' with the piercing in the belly, nose, tongue, or eyebrow say it does become sore.

So why do many people want piercing or tattoos? Most students said that it was just something that they had wanted to do for a long time, while others said that it was a unique expression of their personality. Josh Capps said, "Because my mama said not to." While walking

around like the Hunchback of Notre Dame, in fear of his shirt rubbing against his chest, Tanner Medley stated, "Because I'm cool like that."

Everyone has their own reasons for doing things, but I suspect that like most other fads, we are influenced heavily by the media. It's all okay. Just remember, do it safely and with clear mind. Piercing can be temporary, but that tattoo will last forever.

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## N.B.H.S. Faculty Spotlight

by Nicole Danley

Mrs. Susan Taylor has been a member of the New Brockton High School faculty for one year as the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. She is married and has three children, and she enjoys sewing, cooking, and exercise. She sponsors the FCCLA club at NBHS.

Mrs. Taylor is originally from Tarpon Springs, Florida, where she graduated from Tarpon Springs High School. She then attended Troy State University to receive her college degree. Before coming to teach here, she worked for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for almost 11 years as an extension agent.

Mrs. Taylor likes teaching here because of the close "family type" atmosphere.

She says, "Faculty and students seem to always be willing to help each other out when needed. Mrs. Hamilton is amaz-



Susan Taylor

ing!" What you may not know is that Mrs. Taylor can hang wall-paper, paint, landscape, cut hair, and more! Her pet peeves include dishonesty, rude behavior, and taking things that are not yours.

Her welcome to New Brockton High School is long overdue. We hope you stick it out with us Mrs. Taylor.

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Working as a team with their therapists and athletic trainers, the surgeons are partners in Southern Bone and Joint Specialists based in Enterprise. Adds Dr. Brooks, "I feel that with the expertise that Dr. Lett brings with him from his training at the Mayo Clinic along with the outstanding facilities we have here in Enterprise, we offer a level of care that is rare for a city of this size."

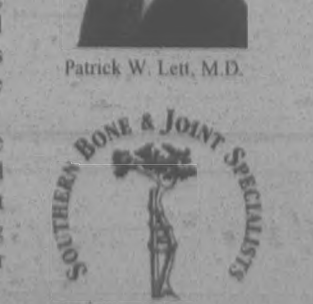
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## SPORTS

Views From...  
**THE PRESSBOX**

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our oldest daughter Melissa celebrated her 22nd birthday this week and even though I see her every day it seems almost impossible that it has been 22 years since she was born. I can still remember taking my very pregnant wife to the doctor for a routine visit back in 1982 and then having him tell me we wanted to keep her a little while to monitor her contractions. After discovering the baby was turned in awkward position, the decision was made to do a c-section and a few hours later the nurse came out and told me we had a beautiful baby girl. With three brothers I had assumed our first child would be a boy and we didn't even have a girls name picked out, but I chose a name the next day and ever since that day the world has had a Melissa Hope Mularz. I know 22 years is a long time, but it would be okay with dear 'ole Dad if she hangs around the house at least 22 more so that I can share her growth and enjoy our life together. I guess that may be something only we Dad's can understand!

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw their two-game winning streak come to an abrupt end late last week when they made the trip up to Highland Home and came home still stinging from a 13-2 whipping. The Tigers had opened the season with a 5-4 win over Arton and a 5-2 win over Brantley, but found out once again that the only game that matters is the next one as the wins were quickly forgotten after the lopsided loss. Elba's big question mark prior to the season was its pitching staff. However, the Tigers discovered they do indeed have a couple of solid starters as senior Clark Skinner tossed a five hitter and struck out 11 batters in the win over Arton, while sophomore Steven Driggers allowed only three hits in the win over Brantley and collected seven strike-outs. The Tigers other two pitchers gave up 13 runs on 12 hits and five walks in the loss to Highland Home, but after the opening week of the season Coach Grimes has to be pleased with his team and its 2-1 start. Elba has a lot of very tough games ahead and none will be easy. However, now that the Tigers know they can win maybe they will surprise some folks and pile up the wins along the way.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 0-3 last week with one-run losses to Geneva County and Kinston, but even though the girls are winless after two weeks of softball action, the Lady Tigers and their fans have to keep the faith that better days are ahead and that the wins will come very soon. Everyone thought before the season began that junior pitcher Stephanie Baxley would be the key to the Lady Tigers success, but after three games it appears that the team's ability to generate runs may be just as important. Baxley has pitched a total of 18 innings in the three Elba losses and has allowed only three earned runs and seven hits, while striking out 45 batters. Baxley has done her job. So, maybe it's time for the coaches to play with the batting order a little bit and see if they can get some runs and find a way to score a few more runs. My guess is that the girls will bounce back and be big winners before much longer.

\*\*\* The Elba JV team's have been busy in recent weeks as the baseball team has played in two tournaments and the softball team has five games under its belt. The junior varsity baseball team has won its share of games and has made huge strides in all areas, while the junior varsity softball team won two games last week and has begun to develop into a team. The purpose of having junior varsity teams is to get the younger students involved in sports and to teach them the fundamentals they will need in years to come as they compete at the varsity level. It looks like that goal is being met.

\*\*\* The state high school basketball tournament was held last week at Birmingham and all the area teams are to be congratulated for a job well done.

\*\*\* In closing... while the headlines in Sunday's daily papers praised Alabama and Auburn for winning their SEC regular season finales, many state fans had to turn to the back pages to check out how the Tide and Tigers did in their spring football scrimmages held Saturday. There are still many more football fans at both schools than basketball fans, and the football headlines were all about the defenses ruling the action at both locations. One note about the Alabama scrimmage that was interesting was that Brantley's Marcel Stamps had been moved to linebacker and had five tackles and a fumble recovery, while over at Auburn new quarterback Brandon Cox hit only 8 of 22 passes for 97 yards. Face it folks, in Alabama it is football season! 12 months a year and that means that for many fans "March Madness" only means that the deadline to finish your taxes is getting closer and closer!

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## In season opener

## Tigers rally past Purple Cats 5-4

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season with a bang last week as they rallied from a two-run deficit late in the game to defeat the Arton Purple Cats 5-4, in Elba.

## Ups record to 2-0

## Elba batters Brantley 5-2

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season success last Tuesday afternoon with an impressive 5-2 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in Elba.

The Tigers stranded runners on second and third in the opening inning as they missed an opportunity to take command early, but bounced right back in the bottom of the second and plated two runs to grab a 2-0 lead. Aaron Harelson reached on a fielder's choice to start the Elba rally, while Lance Sutley followed with an rbi double and later scored on an rbi single by LaRay Williams as the Tigers moved ahead 2-0 after two innings.

Elba sophomore pitcher Steven Driggers carried a no-

hitter into the top of the fourth, but saw the no-hitter and the shut-out end in the inning as Brantley combined one hit with a walk and a hit batter to plate two runs and caught the Tigers at 2-2.

Elba answered the Bulldog challenge in its half of the inning as the Tigers scored two hits and scored 1 run and Clark Skinner and LaRay Williams both added 1 hit. Aaron Harelson failed to get a hit, but scored 3 runs to spark the Tiger win. Steven Driggers pitched seven innings to get the win on 3 hits, 2 walks and 1 hit batter, while striking out 7 batters.

Lance Sutley had 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Steven Driggers added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Clark Skinner and LaRay Williams both added 1 hit. Aaron Harelson failed to get a hit, but scored 3 runs to spark the Tiger win. Steven Driggers pitched seven innings to get the win on 3 hits, 2 walks and 1 hit batter, while striking out 7 batters.

## Squadron bombs Tigers 13-2

The Elba Tigers carried a two-game winning streak to Highland Home Thursday afternoon, but came home with their first loss of the young season as they were bombed by the Flying Squadron in a 13-2, five-inning loss.

The Tigers came out swinging the bats in the top of the first and combined two hits with one walk to grab a quick 2-0 lead. LaRay Williams drew a lead-off walk to ignite the early Elba uprising, while Clark Skinner came through with a one-out single and both runners raced home on a two-run double off the bat of Ryan Gibbs.

Highland Home cut the Elba's advantage to 2-1 in its half of the first, then plated two runs in the third inning to sneak on top 3-2. The Flying Squadron took over in the bottom of the fourth and dropped its home run as the Tigers as Highland Home combined seven hits, including two

home-runs, with three walks to plate 10 runs as the Squadron took a commanding 13-2 advantage.

The Tigers needed two runs to stay alive in the top of the fifth and appeared ready to rally after a one-out double by LaRay Williams and a single by Marquize Tyson. However, Tyson was thrown out at second on a steal attempt and the next Tiger-batter flew out to center as Elba took the lopsided loss 13-2.

Ryan Gibbs had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while LaRay Williams, Marquize Tyson, Clark Skinner, Adam Spicer and Brad Sullivan all added 1 hit. Lance Sutley was tagged with the loss as he allowed 7 runs on 9 hits, 2 walks and 1 hit batter, while striking out 2 batters. Adam Spicer pitched 1 inning in relief and allowed 6 runs on 3 hits and 3 walks, while striking out 1 batter.

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**DIAMOND DUST**

## Zion Chapel JV split with Arton

The Zion Chapel JV Rebels battled Arton last week and split a double-header with the Purple Cats. Casey Grantham and Matt Brunson both had 1 hit as the Rebels dropped the opener 4-2, while in the second game the Rebels posted a big 11-3 win as Zach Stevens got the win on the mound with 7 strike-outs. Casey Grantham had 3 hits and knocked in 4 runs to spark the Rebels in the win, while Matt Brunson added 2 hits and collected 2 rbi's and Justin Winters added 2 hits.

## New Brockton JV zap Zion Chapel 15-1

The New Brockton JV Gamecocks made it look easy last week in a 15-1 win over Zion Chapel. Shane Adkinson struck out 9 batters and allowed only 1 hit to get the win on the mound, while at the plate Adkinson had 3 hits, including a home-run, and knocked in 4 runs. Nathan Foster added 3 rbi's, Trey Knight had 2 hits and Dee Finley and Hayden Smith both added 2 rbi's.

## New Brockton slams Samson 12-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their winning ways last week in the Boll Weevil Tournament by slamming the Samson Tigers 12-2. Heath Parker tossed a 3-hitter and struck out 7 batters to get the win on the mound, while Parker also shined at the plate as he had 2 hits, ripped a home-run and knocked in 4 runs. Drew Donaldson added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs, while Tanner Medley added 2 hits and 2 rbi's.

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by Lance Sutley, and Steven Driggers continued his mastery from the mound as he hand-cuffed the Bulldog batters and led the way as Elba posted the 5-2 win.

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## TOWN

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funds are available to give raises, they will present it to the council.

Monday evening, Cole said he was not prepared, at this time, to make a recommendation for pay raises. He said if the town could afford to give raises he would start with a recommendation for the police department.

"The money's just not there, and the town can't afford one at this time," Cole said. "If the clerks ever see that we can give one, they'll let us know."

In a bit of good news, town clerk Annette Williams said the town received a letter indicating the drawings were approved for the paving of the downtown sidewalk from the area in front of the old Hogg Furniture store to the Big/Little Store. She added that the project also will include a sidewalk from the Big/Little Store to the Senior Citizens Center.

Williams said Polyengineering is checking to

"They say they're going to let the bids later this month which means we don't have much

see if the town can get color concrete for the project.

In other business, the council: Received an update from Mayor Cole regarding the status of Police Chief Jerome Cobb. As of Monday, March 7, Cole said Cobb was to report to Birmingham for training for 139 days. Cobb was recently called to active military duty. The Mayor said Asst. Chief Dale Grimes currently is in charge of the department, and everything is running smoothly at this point.

\* Announced that Margie Adkison of Elba has been hired as the new Senior Citizens Center director.

\* Reminded citizens to attend a second Town Hall Meeting regarding plans for Highway 84. The meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend to express concerns to Sen. Jimmy Holley, Rep. Terry Spicer and DOT officials.

time," Cole said.

Resident Barbara Cole simply asked Holley and Spicer if there is anything they can do to help New Brockton.

After spending several more minutes trying to get a good understanding of the various suggestions offered by citizens, Sen. Holley suggested having another town hall meeting in which he and Rep. Spicer would attend with DOT officials.

Cole asked Holley and Spicer to set up the meeting, and they immediately suggested holding it next Monday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in New Brockton. Before closing the meeting, however, Sen. Holley urged the citizens to "make sure what you ask for is what you really want."

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and elected Leads Gore, publisher and editor of the *Hatchette Enquirer*, as vice president.

New Foundation board members elected were: Michele Cox Gerlach, president and publisher of *Brewton Newspapers Inc.*; Tom Scarritt, editor of *The Moulton Advertiser*; and Jerome Wassmann, editor and publisher of *The Daily Mountain Eagle* in

## ALERT

The administration of the Elba Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents except immediate family until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction.

## BOE

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Jasper. Mike DeLapp, editor and publisher of *The Daily Sentinel* in Scottsboro; Bob Martin, publisher of *The Montgomery Independent*; and Luke Slaton, publisher and editor of *The Moulton Advertiser* were elected to a second two-year term. Serving one more year of a two-year term on the Foundation board are: Cy Wood, publisher and editor of the *Valley Times-News* in Lanett; Robby Tomlin, editor of the *TimesDaily* in Florence; Graham Hadley, managing editor of *The Daily Home* in Talladega; K.A. Turner, business editor of the *Mobile Register*; and Stacy Granning, publisher of *The Messenger* in Troy.

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## Basin Baptist Church plans Easter services

The Basin Baptist Church family invites everyone to celebrate Easter at the church. Services will begin Good Friday, March 25, with a showing of "The Passion of Christ" at 6:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided. There will be an early morning worship service at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27, followed by breakfast at 8 a.m.

County Schools going ahead and starting before Aug. 8.

She said the state superintendent's reason for starting later will not affect Coffee County Schools, and she did not see any reason to delay.

Ingram also reminded board members of a bill in the legislature calling for later start dates. She said she has already spoken with Sen. Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer expressing the county's hope that the bill is not passed.

Board members approved personnel matters including:

**Certified**  
Employ Jennifer Lee as reading coach at Kinston School for 2005-06 school year.

**Employ** Keri Anderson as mathematics teacher at New Brockton High School; Employ Dale Kelley as a contract principal until June 30, 2008.

**Grant permission** to advertise for the anticipated openings for the 2005-06 school year; and **Support** Employ Tommy Paige as a lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel School.

## New Books at Elba Public Library

**Fiction**  
Chickson, Michael — *State of Fear*  
Craib, Robert — *The Forgotten Man*  
Delaney, Frank — *A Family Affair*  
Dickey, Eric Jerome — *Driving Me Crazy*  
Feldman, Ellen — *Luby*  
Graham, Heather — *Killing Kelly*  
Greeley, Andrew — *Irish Cream*  
King, Stephen — *Black House*  
Michael, Judith — *The Real Mother*  
Nance, John J. — *Saving Cascadia*  
Parker, Robert B. — *Cold Service*  
Patterson, James — *Honeymoon*  
Steele, Danielle — *Impossible*  
**Large Print Fiction**  
Andrews, Mary Kay — *Hissy Fit*  
Channer, Colin — *Satisfy My Soul*  
Dickey, Eric Jerome — *The Other Woman*  
Harris, E. Lynn — *If This World Were Mine*  
Harris, E. Lynn — *Just as I Am*  
Harris, E. Lynn — *Any Way the Wind Blows*  
**Christian Fiction**  
Gulley, Phillip — *Signs and Wonders*  
Gulley, Phillip — *Just Shy of Harmony*  
Gulley, Phillip — *Home to Harmony*  
Morgan, Kathleen — *Child of the Mist*  
Morris, Gilbert — *Till Shiloh Comes*

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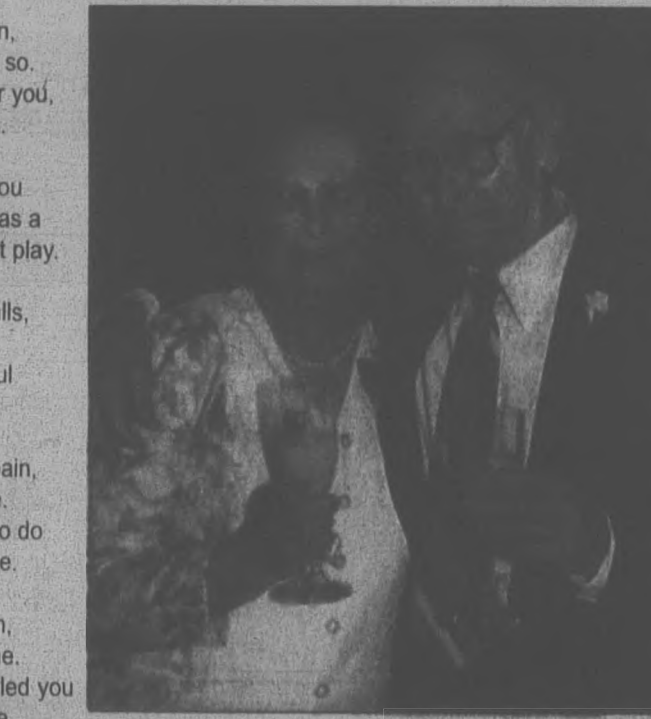
I'm safely home in Heaven, though I know you miss me so. The love I have always felt for you, within my heart still flows.

My spirit will remain with you every single day, appearing as a rainbow or as ocean waves at play.

I'm in the gentle rain that falls, and in the morning dew. All you see that is beautiful reflects my love for you.

I didn't mean to cause you pain, my time had simple come. The work that I have meant to do on earth had been all done.

I'm safely home in Heaven, where eternal peace is mine. And where, when God has called you too, I'll be forever Thine.



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## During Coffee County Commission meeting Report presented on public transportation system

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission heard a report from its recently appointed public transportation committee Monday, March 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting.

The committee, appointed by commission chairman Doug Dalrymple, consists of commissioners Robert Stephens, Bernest Brooks and J.L. Weeks. The men were asked to look into the possibility of implementing a rural transportation system for Coffee County by researching other systems already in place.

On Monday, Commissioner Stephens said the committee tried to answer three questions during the research process. Is a public transportation system needed in Coffee County? Is it feasible? Can the county handle the probable costs that will come with implementation?

He said they looked at Covington County's system. Considering how that system is operated, he said the committee did see a need for a public transportation system in Coffee County. Stephens also said there are a good many agencies within the county that need the system, therefore, the committee also decided it would be feasible.

However, he indicated that uncertainty remained in regards to handling the costs of a transportation system. He said the transportation department will have funds in its budget next year to allow the purchase of buses, but there will be other

costs that simply can not be estimated. "There is no way in the world we can make a budget because we don't know how many customers," Stephens said. He also spoke of grants being cut next year from the Southeast Regional Planning Commission which puts a big question mark on funding various projects.

"I feel we can operate a fair transportation system here if we hire technical people who understand transportation," Commissioner Brooks said.

Speaking as a commissioner rather than a member of the transportation committee, Stephens said he felt like the commission should leave the issue of the public transportation system tabled at this time to allow more time for commissioners to gain more knowledge regarding costs, funding, etc. The issue was tabled during a previous commission meeting.

Brooks, on the other hand, insisted now is the time to act. He said there are funding deadlines, and if the county misses those deadlines, it will have to wait until the next funding cycle.

He offered a motion to remove the issue from the table and vote at Monday's meeting. His motion died for lack of a second.

"I feel pretty bad we can't come to any agreement on a rural transportation system," he said later in the meeting. "If you don't want a rural transportation system, say you don't want it."

Stephens said he is 100 percent for a transportation system, but he, personally, felt like the commission should know what it is doing before acting.

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Representatives of various offices and organizations watched Tuesday afternoon as Governor Bob Riley signed the state's new Open Meetings Law. The bill unanimously passed the Legislature.

## Governor Riley signs new open meetings law

The first new law of the 2005 legislative session signed by Governor Bob Riley on Tuesday is an accountability measure he said was one of his top legislative items for the year during his State of the State Address on February 1.

The new law signed by the Governor strengthens citizens' access to meetings of government bodies and requires public bodies to hold open meetings.

"In Alabama, the days of citizens being shut out of public meetings are over," Governor Riley said shortly before signing the state's new open meetings law. The bill passed the Legislature last week.

In a signing ceremony in the historic Old House Chamber at the State Capitol, Governor Riley was joined by bill sponsors Representative Blaine Gallier and Senator Zeb Little, as well as officials with Attorney General Troy King's office and advocacy organizations that helped get the bill through the Legislature.

Governor Riley noted that efforts to strengthen Alabama's open meetings law have failed in the Legislature for the past 12 years. "But thanks to the people's demand for greater accountability, and thanks to the work of the bill's sponsors, our Attorney General and the organizations represented here today, 2005 is a different story," the Governor said.

The new law is "another step toward making government in Alabama more accountable, more transparent and more open than it's ever been," Governor Riley said.

The Governor has declared the week of March 13 as "Sunshine Week" in Alabama, an effort designed to promote the public's knowledge of their right to know how governments at the local and state levels are representing their interests.

## New Brockton officials hold second Town Hall meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton citizens once again turned out in big numbers for a Town Hall Meeting Monday afternoon, March 14, regarding plans for the current Highway 84 after the four-lane bypass is completed.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole began the meeting by insisting the town is "not fighting the (Highway 84) bypass." Rather, he said the people of New Brockton want the bypass because they realize it will bring an opportunity for growth.

However, he also said the town can not achieve its goal of growth if it is isolated from the mainstream.

"We must fight for what we love," he said. "We're asking you (DOT officials) to change the current configuration of the old Hwy. 84 road."

Mike Griffin, a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation, said the DOT is working to build the best road that will be the most serviceable for the people of the community and the travelers using Highway 84.

"We don't want to build any-



Mike Griffin (standing), a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation, discusses the Highway 84 project with New Brockton citizens during a town hall meeting held Monday afternoon in New Brockton. Griffin said time and time again that the DOT is working to build the safest road possible. Also pictured are (from left) New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, DOT official Ronnie Baldwin, Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley.

thing here that's not safe for you, for the travelers or for commercial drivers," he said. Griffin agreed the bypass will cause New Brockton to lose business.

## Coffee County Water Authority sets bid opening for Phase II of countywide water system project

Newly elected chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority, Charles E. Lott, announced at the Monday, March 14, board meeting that bids for the water supply plant, water storage tank and distribution mains will be received and opened at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 11.

Dennis Massey of USDA-Rural Development attended the meeting and advised the board that the sign-up period for water on Phase II will terminate on Monday, April 11. Lott encouraged all persons desiring a water service for the original

sign-up fee of \$25 to contact the Coffee County Water Authority to obtain a water users agreement. After the April 11 deadline, a new service fee will cost between \$450 and \$900, depending on property location.

This federally funded project will serve over 400 rural families in North Coffee County. The total budget for this project is \$3.685 million. Over 90 miles of water main will be constructed in the project area.

The estimated construction start-up date for this project is May 16, 2005. All work should be completed by May 2006.

much of it's "thru" traffic, but he said anyone with business in New Brockton will still be able to come to the town for that business.

Coming from the east, he said

there will not even be a stop sign to get into New Brockton. He said that will be a yield inter-

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## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** will sponsor a Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 18, at 7 a.m. in the First Baptist Church social hall in Elba. Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley will be present to give an update on the current legislative session.

**ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME** will hold meetings of the Elba Pre-Post Gastric Bypass Support Group each Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. For more information contact Cindy Murphy CIMA, CFPF at 334/897-2257, Ext. 297, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH BAPTIST MEN** will hold the ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUNSHINE SERVICE at the church Sunday, March 27, beginning at 6 a.m. Breakfast will follow in the Activities Building. Everyone is invited to the service and breakfast.

## REMINDER

Chapter Three of "The Assignment" is located on Page 13 in this week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*.

Council members presented complaints of pot holes on several Elba streets. Each of these complaints will be addressed by road patching crews.

Council members were reminded to attend the Chamber of Commerce legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 18th. The event will be at First Baptist Church and begins at 7 a.m.